

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/658,178

Applicant(s)

SARKAS ET AL.

Examiner

Kishor Mayekar

Art Unit

1795

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Kishor Mayekar.(3) Richard Brotzman (Assignor).(2) Paul Rauch (Attorney).

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 22 January 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 2.

Identification of prior art discussed: Prior art of Sheer et al. and Boulos.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: As today, Attorney Paul Rauch will submit a power of attorney for the present application. Discussed the free-burning electric arc of Sheer and the RF plasma of Boulos. Also, discussed the claimed plasma before the plasma is expanded into a field free zone. The Applicant will file an amendment to claim 2 and the Examiner will then reconsider.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Kishor Mayekar/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1795